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**REMARKS**

Upon entry, claims 1-23 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 24-36 are canceled. Applicants also elect Group I, claims 1-23, without traverse. Applicants also elect Species 1, with traverse, directed to claims 1-18. Upon allowance of a generic claim, rejoinder of the withdrawn claims will be proper.

Applicants submit that both Species 1 and 2 are directed to forming a gap in the substrate by removing material. Species 1 is directed to removing a doped portion of the substrate and Species 2 is directed to removing a silicon layer and strain layer to form the gap. Applicants submit that the examination of both of these Species will not cause an undue burden on the Examiner. The Examiner would necessarily search for the features of Species 2 when searching for the features of Species 1. However, there is an undue burden of the Applicants by having to elect a Species. Thus, the election of Species requirement should be withdrawn.

Applicants request examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed.

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